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SPECIES AND AREA	SEASONS		LIMITS	
	FIRST DAY	FINAL DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
CROWS Wildlife Management Districts 1-6 Wildlife Management Districts 7-30	15 Feb. 1Aug.	15 Apr. 30 Sept.	NO LIMITS	
	1 Feb. 1Aug.	31 Mar. 30 Sept.		
COMMON SNIPE	1 Sept.	16 Dec.	8	16
RAILS (Sora and Virginia)	1 Sept.	9 Nov.	25	25
MOORHENS AND GALLINULES	CLOSED SEASON			
WOODCOCK	1 Oct.	30 Oct.	3	6
CANADA GOOSE (EARLY)	7 Sept.	25 Sept.	4	8
CANADA GOOSE (REGULAR)				
NORTH ZONE	4 Oct.	11 Dec.	2	4
SOUTH ZONE	4 Oct.	30 Oct.	2	4
	15 Nov.	25 Dec.	2	4
SNOW GEESE (including Blue Geese)	4 Oct.	31 Jan.	15	No limit
BRANT	4 Oct.	30 Nov.	2	4
SEA DUCKS (Scoter or sea coot, Eider, and Long-tailed duck)	1 Oct.	31 Jan.	7* (Shall not include more than 4 scoters or 5 eiders)	14* (Shall not include more than 8 scoters or 10 eiders)
REGULAR DUCKS	NORTH ZONE SOUTH ZONE	4 Oct. 4 Oct. 15 Nov.	11 Dec. 30 Oct. 25 Dec.	4* 8* (EXCEPTIONS TO THESE LIMITS ARE LISTED BELOW)
(including Black Ducks, mergansers and american coots)				
BLACK DUCKS	NORTH ZONE SOUTH ZONE	4 Oct. 4 Oct. 15 Nov.	11 Dec. 30 Oct. 25 Dec.	
PINTAILS & CANVASBACKS	4 Oct.	30 Oct.	1	2
HARLEQUIN DUCKS	CLOSED SEASON			
**SPECIAL ONE DAY YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT: Sept. 25 (ALL duck species-except harlequins- may be hunted on this day. Daily bag limits as specified apply except that 1 black duck may be taken - see other side for restrictions).				
EXCEPTIONS*				
BLACK DUCKS: Only 1 black duck may be taken as part of the daily limit; possession limit: 2. One black duck may be taken on Sept. 25 (Youth Waterfowl Hunt).				
AMERICAN COOTS: Hunters may take 5 American coots in addition to the daily limit on regular ducks. It is unlawful to possess more than 10 American coots at any time.				
FULVOUS WHISTLING DUCKS: It is unlawful to take more than 1 fulvous whistling duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 fulvous whistling ducks at any time.				
MALLARDS: It is unlawful to take more than 2 hen mallards in any one day or to possess more than 4 hen mallards at any time.				
MERGANSERS. Hunters may take 5 mergansers in addition to the daily limit on regular ducks, however only 1 may be a hooded merganser. It is unlawful to possess more than 10 mergansers at any time (only 2 of which may be hooded mergansers).				
MOTTLED DUCKS: It is unlawful to take more than 1 mottled duck in any one day or to possess more than 2 mottled ducks at any time.				
REDHEADS: It is unlawful to take more than 2 redheads in any one day or to possess more than 4 redheads at any time.				
SEA DUCKS: Within the Sea Duck Hunting Area defined below, hunters may take 7 sea ducks in addition to the limits on regular ducks (but not more than 4 scoters or 5 eiders).				
TEAL: In addition to the daily limit of 4, two (2) additional teal may be taken per day (either blue-winged teal or green-winged teal). A possession limit of 12 ducks is permitted providing that it includes 4 or more teal.				
WOOD DUCKS: It is unlawful to take more than 2 wood ducks in any one day or to possess more than 4 wood ducks at any time.				
SCAUP: It is unlawful to take more than 3 scaup in any one day or to possess more than 6 scaup at any time.				
SPECIAL FALCONRY SEASON				
	NORTH ZONE	9 Dec.	31 Jan.	3
	SOUTH ZONE	6 Jan.	28 Feb.	6
In addition to the regular migratory bird season (on ducks, mergansers, American coots).			(1 black duck)	(2 black ducks)

SHOOTING HOURS: Shooting hours on migratory game birds are from **1/2 hour before sunrise** to sunset daily.

SEA DUCK HUNTING AREA DEFINED: All coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams seaward from the first upstream bridge. In all other areas, sea ducks may be taken only during the regular duck season dates and are part of the regular duck bag limits.

DEFINITION FOR NORTH AND SOUTH ZONE LINE: Maine-New Brunswick border in Baileyville, Maine west along Stony Brook to Route 9 in Baileyville. West along Route 9 to Route 15 in Bangor. West along Route 15 to I-95 in Bangor. Southwest along I-95 to Route 202 (Exit 30) in Augusta. Southwest along Route 202 to Route 11 in Auburn. Southwest along Route 11 to Route 110 in Newfield. West along Route 110 to Maine-New Hampshire border. The NORTH waterfowl zone consists of Wildlife Management Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19. The SOUTH waterfowl zone consists of Wildlife Management Districts 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30.

NONTOXIC SHOT - STATEWIDE: The use or possession of ammunition loaded with other than nontoxic shot while hunting wild ducks, geese, brant, rails, or coots is prohibited. Nontoxic shot means any shot type that does not cause sickness and death when ingested by these birds and is approved for use by the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. steel, bismuth-tin, tungsten-iron (2 types), tungsten-matrix, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-tin-bismuth, tungsten-tin-iron-nickel, and tungsten nickel-iron (HEVI) shot have been approved nontoxic by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

On National Wildlife Refuges which permit hunting of upland game, persons hunting upland species other than deer and turkey with a shotgun shall possess and use only nontoxic shot while in the field.

DUCK STAMPS & PERMITS

State and Federal law requires that persons 16 years of age or older shall have on his/her person: an unexpired Federal migratory bird hunting stamp (validated by his/her signature written across the face of the stamp in ink) AND a valid State Migratory Waterfowl permit to hunt any migratory waterfowl (wild ducks, geese or brant). The STATE permit may be purchased for \$8.50 from local license agents or from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 284 State St., SHS #41, Augusta, ME 04333. **(NOTE: The Migratory Waterfowl Stamp is not required to hunt woodcock, snipe, gallinule, rails or crow). If you plan to hunt woodcock, ducks, geese, snipe, rails, or coots, you are required to indicate on your license your intention of doing so at the time you purchase your license. (Complimentary and lifetime license holders are exempt from this requirement). The information will be used by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (H.I.P). For more details, contact the DIF&W at 287-8000.**

NOTE: All revenue from the sale of state waterfowl permits must be used exclusively for acquisition of waterfowl habitat and waterfowl management activities.

MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTER'S TIME AND TIDE TABLE — 2004-2005									
LEGAL TIMES			TIDE*		LEGAL TIMES			TIDE*	
DATE	OPEN	CLOSE	HIGH	LOW	DATE	OPEN	CLOSE	HIGH	LOW
10/1/04	6:04 AM	6:15 PM	1:40 PM	7:29 AM	12/1/04	6:23 AM	3:56 PM	1:40 PM	7:29 AM
10/2/04	6:05 AM	6:13 PM	2:20 PM	8:09 AM	12/2/04	6:24 AM	3:55 PM	2:24 PM	8:13 AM
10/4/04	6:07 AM	6:09 PM	3:47 PM	9:36 AM	12/3/04	6:25 AM	3:55 PM	3:12 PM	9:01 AM
10/5/04	6:09 AM	6:08 PM	4:38 PM	10:25 AM	12/4/04	6:26 AM	3:55 PM	4:04 PM	9:53 AM
10/6/04	6:10 AM	6:06 PM	5:35 PM	11:20 AM	12/6/04	6:28 AM	3:54 PM	5:37 AM	11:45 AM
10/7/04	6:11 AM	6:04 PM	6:30 AM	12:20 PM	12/7/04	6:29 AM	3:54 PM	6:27 AM	12:41 PM
10/8/04	6:12 AM	6:02 PM	7:28 AM	1:21 PM	12/8/04	6:30 AM	3:54 PM	7:15 AM	01:36 PM
10/9/04	6:14 AM	6:00 PM	8:21 AM	2:16 PM	12/9/04	6:31 AM	3:54 PM	08:04 AM	2:28 PM
10/11/04	6:16 AM	5:57 PM	9:49 AM	3:50 PM	12/10/04	6:32 AM	3:54 PM	08:52 AM	3:19 PM
10/12/04	6:17 AM	5:55 PM	10:27 AM	4:32 PM	12/11/04	6:33 AM	3:54 PM	09:41 AM	04:10 PM
10/13/04	6:19 AM	5:53 PM	11:04 AM	5:13 PM	12/13/04	6:35 AM	3:54 PM	11:23 AM	5:08 AM
10/14/04	6:20 AM	5:52 PM	11:41 AM	5:55 PM	12/14/04	6:35 AM	3:55 PM	12:17 PM	6:02 AM
10/15/04	6:21 AM	5:50 PM	12:21 PM	6:09 AM	12/15/04	6:36 AM	3:55 PM	1:14 PM	6:58 AM
10/16/04	6:23 AM	5:48 PM	1:03 PM	6:51 AM	12/16/04	6:37 AM	3:55 PM	2:13 PM	7:57 AM
10/18/04	6:25 AM	5:45 PM	2:40 PM	8:26 AM	12/17/04	6:38 AM	3:56 PM	3:16 PM	9:00 AM
10/19/04	6:26 AM	5:43 PM	3:36 PM	9:21 AM	12/18/04	6:38 AM	3:56 PM	4:21 PM	10:06 AM
10/20/04	6:28 AM	5:41 PM	4:40 PM	10:22 AM	12/20/04	6:39 AM	3:57 PM	6:05 AM	12:21 PM
10/21/04	6:29 AM	5:40 PM	5:36 AM	11:31 AM	12/21/04	6:40 AM	3:57 PM	7:02 AM	1:23 PM
10/22/04	6:30 AM	5:38 PM	6:47 AM	12:44 PM	12/22/04	6:40 AM	3:58 PM	7:56 AM	2:19 PM
10/23/04	6:32 AM	5:37 PM	7:53 AM	1:54 PM	12/23/04	6:41 AM	3:58 PM	8:44 AM	3:10 PM
10/25/04	6:34 AM	5:33 PM	9:45 AM	3:54 PM	12/24/04	6:41 AM	3:59 PM	9:28 AM	3:55 PM
10/26/04	6:36 AM	5:32 PM	10:32 AM	4:44 PM	12/25/04	6:42 AM	4:00 PM	10:09 AM	4:37 PM
10/27/04	6:37 AM	5:30 PM	11:15 AM	5:29 PM	12/27/04	6:42 AM	4:01 PM	11:23 AM	5:13 AM
10/28/04	6:38 AM	5:29 PM	11:54 AM	5:42 AM	12/28/04	6:42 AM	4:02 PM	12:00 PM	5:49 AM
10/29/04	6:40 AM	5:27 PM	12:31 PM	6:21 AM	12/29/04	6:43 AM	4:03 PM	12:37 PM	6:26 AM
10/30/04	6:41 AM	5:26 PM	1:08 PM	6:59 AM	12/30/04	6:43 AM	4:03 PM	1:15 PM	7:04 AM
10/31/04	5:42 AM	4:24 PM	12:46 PM	6:37 AM	12/31/04	6:43 AM	4:04 PM	1:54 PM	7:44 AM
11/1/04	5:44 AM	4:23 PM	1:26 PM	7:17 AM	1/1/05	6:43 AM	4:05 PM	2:33 PM	8:23 AM
11/2/04	5:45 AM	4:22 PM	2:10 PM	7:59 AM	1/3/05	6:43 AM	4:07 PM	4:11 PM	10:02 AM
11/3/04	5:47 AM	4:20 PM	2:58 PM	8:46 AM	1/4/05	6:43 AM	4:08 PM	4:42 AM	10:59 AM
11/4/04	5:48 AM	4:19 PM	3:52 PM	9:39 AM	1/5/05	6:43 AM	4:09 PM	5:35 AM	11:59 AM
11/5/04	5:49 AM	4:18 PM	4:44 AM	10:36 AM	1/6/05	6:42 AM	4:10 PM	6:31 AM	1:01 PM
11/6/04	5:51 AM	4:16 PM	5:39 AM	11:35 AM	1/7/05	6:42 AM	4:11 PM	7:28 AM	2:01 PM
11/8/04	5:53 AM	4:14 PM	7:18 AM	1:24 PM	1/8/05	6:42 AM	4:12 PM	8:26 AM	3:00 PM
11/9/04	5:55 AM	4:13 PM	8:02 AM	2:13 PM	1/10/05	6:41 AM	4:15 PM	10:18 AM	4:49 PM
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11/22/04	6:12 AM	4:00 PM	7:31 AM	1:44 PM	1/22/05	6:34 AM	4:30 PM	9:01 AM	3:32 PM
11/23/04	6:13 AM	4:00 PM	8:23 AM	2:39 PM	1/24/05	6:33 AM	4:33 PM	10:25 AM	4:52 PM
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11/26/04	6:17 AM	3:58 PM	10:30 AM	4:54 PM	1/27/05	6:30 AM	4:37 PM	12:12 PM	6:00 AM
11/27/04	6:18 AM	3:57 PM	11:07 AM	4:56 AM	1/28/05	6:29 AM	4:38 PM	12:47 PM	6:36 AM
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Tide information listed for January 2005 is estimated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Although these are estimates, they are expected to be useful for planning purposes. **TIDE CONVERSIONS:** Tide information listed is for **PORTLAND**. For Merrymeeting Bay (Richmond), add 2 hrs. 48 minutes for high tide; for Jonesport, subtract 23 minutes; for Bath, add 1 hr. 1 minute; for Rockland, subtract 16 minutes; for Waldoboro, subtract 16 minutes. Sunrise/sunset times for January are based on the 2004 chart..

*All times listed through October 30 are Eastern Daylight Time; after that date, they are Eastern Standard Time (**for Bangor**). Times listed are legal shooting hours for migratory game birds - **1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset daily**.

SELECTED SECTIONS OF MAINE INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE LAWS

The provisions of the following three paragraphs apply to the waters of the Kennebec River, known as Merrymeeting Bay, bounded as follows: From the high tension wires at Chop's Point to the first dam on the Androscoggin River, to the first road bridge on the Muddy, Cathance, Abbagadasset, and Eastern rivers and the Richmond-Dresden bridge on the Kennebec River, being in the counties of Cumberland, Sagadahoc, and Lincoln.

No artificial cover which is termed stationary blind, or parts thereof, used for hunting purposes shall be left or allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay between one hour after legal shooting time and one hour before legal shooting time.

No duck decoys shall be allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay at any time during the period from one hour after legal shooting time until one hour before legal shooting time.

It is unlawful to hunt waterfowl on Haley Pond in the Town of Rangeley and Dallas Plt. in Franklin County.

No power boat may be operated in Merrymeeting Bay at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour except within the confines of the buoyed channels.

It is unlawful to shoot, or shoot at, or near, any wildfowl decoy of another person, with a rifle, pistol, or shotgun with a ball, slug, or buckshot. "Near" means the area encompassed by the set of decoys and including the area 50 yards away from the outer perimeter of the set of decoys.

It is unlawful to hunt with firearms during the open season on deer (except when hunting waterfowl from a boat or blind or in conjunction with waterfowl decoys) unless wearing 2 articles of hunter orange clothing that are in good and serviceable condition and visible from all sides. One article must be a solid colored hunter orange hat and the other must be a minimum of 50% hunter orange in color and cover a major portion of the torso.

It is unlawful for any person to willfully interfere with the lawful hunting or trapping of any wild animal or wild bird, including the willfull disturbance of wild animals or wild birds with intent to interfere with their lawful taking.

It is unlawful to hunt on Sunday.

HUNTERS - KNOW THE BLACK DUCK -- Black duck populations had been in a long-term population decline and special hunting restrictions (1 black duck per day) remain in effect to encourage the expansion of the native Maine black duck population to more desirable levels. Fortunately, these restrictions are working and black duck numbers are improving. Hunters can help by obeying the law and being certain of black duck identification. Black ducks and mallards, especially mallard hens, look alike and are often found together. The mallard hen has a lighter-colored belly and light tail feathers, and distinct white borders along its blue wing patch. The black duck is uniformly dark except for the sharply contrasting light underwings.

DUCK STAMP ART CONTEST

Your 2004 Maine duck stamp, featuring Barrows Golden-eye, was designed by Richard A. Alley, Jr. of Islesford. A panel of judges selected it from among 9 paintings by Maine resident artists in the 20th duck stamp art contest conducted by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Proceeds from the sale of the annual duck stamps and permits are used to finance waterfowl management programs or to acquire waterfowl habitat.

BAND RECOVERY REPORTS

Anyone finding a band or recovering one while hunting should call **1-800-327-BAND (2263)**. An operator will take the band report and the bird banding laboratory will respond with banding information much faster than previously. Results will provide better estimates of survival and harvest rates and will reduce high costs associated with banding studies.

MIGRATORY GAME BIRD REGULATIONS

In accordance with the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 12, Sections 7001 and 7456, the following regulations have been adopted, governing the lawful hunting and possession of migratory game birds. For the purpose of this section, migratory game birds include and are limited to species in the following families: 1. Anatidae (wild ducks, geese, and brant); 2. Rallidae (rails, coots, moorhens and gallinules); and 3. Scolopacidae (woodcock and snipe). Except as expressly provided in the regulations, it shall be unlawful to hunt, capture, kill, take, possess, transport, buy or sell any migratory game bird or part thereof.

1. HUNTING METHODS

It shall be lawful to hunt migratory game birds by the aid of dogs, artificial decoys, manually or mouth-operated bird calls, with hand-held bow and arrow, or by the practice of falconry, or with shotgun (not larger than No.10 guage and incapable of holding more than three shells) fired from the shoulder. Every other method is unlawful.

It shall be lawful to hunt migratory game birds from floating craft (except a sinkbox), including those capable of being propelled by motor, sail and wind, or both, only when (1) the motor of such craft has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, as the case may be, and (2) the progress or motion of the craft in the water has ceased and the craft is drifting, beached, moored, resting at anchor, or is being propelled solely by paddle, oars, or pole.

It shall be lawful to use a motor or sail on a craft as a means of retrieving or picking up dead or injured birds.

All migratory game birds, including waterfowl, may be taken on or over standing crops (including aquatics), flooded standing crops, flooded harvested crop lands, grain crops properly shocked on the field where grown, or grains found scattered solely as a result of normal agricultural planting or harvesting and in addition, all migratory game birds, except waterfowl, may be taken on or over lands where shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt or other feed has been distributed or scattered solely as a result of valid agricultural operations or procedures.

2. TRANSPORTATION

Any person, without a permit, may transport lawfully killed and possessed migratory game birds into, within, or out of any State, or export such birds to a foreign country during and after the open seasons in the State where taken, subject to the conditions and restrictions specified in this part.

If such birds are dressed, one fully feathered wing must remain attached to each bird so as to permit species identification while being transported between the place where taken and the personal abode of the possessor or between the place where taken and a commercial preservation facility.

Any package or container in which such birds are transported shall have the name and address of the shipper and of the consignee and an accurate statement of the numbers and kinds of birds contained therein clearly and conspicuously marked on the outside thereof.

3. POSSESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCESSING, TRANSPORTATION, OR STORAGE

No hunter who legally takes and possesses any migratory game birds shall place or leave any such birds in the custody of any other person for picking, cleaning, processing, shipping, transportation, or storage (including temporary storage) unless such birds have a tag attached signed by the hunter stating his address, the total number and kinds of birds, and the date such birds were killed.

No person may receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are tagged as provided above.

No hunter who legally takes and possesses any migratory game birds shall place or leave such birds at any place for storage (including temporary storage) other than at his personal abode unless such birds are tagged as provided above. Legally possessed migratory game birds being transported in any vehicle as the personal baggage of the possessor shall not be deemed to be in storage or temporary storage.

Any commercial picking establishment or cold-storage or locker plant receiving, possessing, or having in custody any migratory game birds shall maintain accurate records showing the numbers and kinds of such birds, the dates received and disposed of, and the names and addresses of the persons from whom such birds were received and to whom such birds were delivered. The records required to be maintained shall be retained by the person or persons responsible for their preparation and maintenance for a period of 1 year following the close of the open season on migratory game birds prescribed for the State in which such picking establishment or cold-storage or locker plant is located.

4. TERMINATION OF POSSESSION

For the purposes of this part, the possession of birds legally taken by any hunter shall be deemed to have ceased when such birds have been delivered by him to another person as a gift; or have been delivered by him to a post office, a common carrier, or a commercial cold-storage or locker plant for transportation by the postal service or a common carrier to some person other than the hunter.

5. WOUNDED LIVE MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

Every migratory game bird wounded by hunting and reduced to possession by the hunter shall be immediately killed and become a part of the daily bag limit.

6. POSSESSION OF PLUMAGE

Any person, without a permit, may possess and transport for his own use the plumage and skins of lawfully taken migratory game birds.

7. WANTON WASTE OF MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

No person shall kill or cripple any migratory game bird pursuant to this regulation without any visible means to retrieve and without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the bird and include it in his daily bag limit. The shooting of crippled waterfowl from a motorboat under power will be permitted on those coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams lying seaward from the first upstream bridge.

8. OPEN SEASONS, LIMITS, AND OTHER PROVISIONS

Migratory game birds may be taken only in accordance with the open seasons, the daily bag limits, possession limits, and within the shooting hours as stated herein.

No person may take in any one day more than the daily bag limit or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies. No person may possess more birds lawfully taken than the possession limit or the aggregate possession limit, whichever applies. No person on the opening day of the season may possess any migratory game birds in excess of the daily bag limit or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies, and no person may possess any freshly killed migratory game birds during the closed season.

SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

In addition to State regulations, the following Federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting, and storing of migratory game birds. NOTICE - The material below is only a summary. Each hunter should also consult the actual Federal regulations, which may be found in Title 50, code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

RESTRICTIONS. No person shall take migratory game birds:

- While possessing shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than steel shot or such shot approved as nontoxic while taking Anatidae (ducks, geese, and brant), coots and any species that make up aggregate bag limits during concurrent seasons.
- With a trap, snare, net, crossbow, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10-guage, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substance.
- With a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.
- From a sink box (a low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water).
- From or with the aid or use of a car or other motor-driven land conveyance, or any aircraft, except that paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord.
- By the use or aid of live decoys. All live, tame or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to hunting, and confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such tame birds from the sight of migratory waterfowl.
- Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls.
- By means or aid of any motor driven land, water, or air conveyance, or any sailboat used for the purpose of or resulting in the concentrating, driving, rallying, or stirring up of any migratory bird.

- By the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt, or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement), or on or over any baited area. Hunters should be aware that a baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait, and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be in violation.

FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT. No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

IMPORTATION. For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between the port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in any foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required in 20.63), drawn, and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

DUAL VIOLATION. Violation of State migratory bird regulations is also a violation of Federal regulations.

CAUTION: More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal refuge regulations, contact Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge (Baring & Edmunds Units) RR #1, Box 202, Baring, Maine, 04694 - telephone (207)454-7161; Petit Manan National Wildlife Refuge P.O. Box 279, Millbridge, Maine 04658 - telephone (207)546-2124; Sunkhaze Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, 1168 Main Str., Old Town, ME 04468 - telephone (207)827-6138; Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge, 321 Port Road, Wells, Maine 04090, telephone (207)646-9226 or Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 240, Errol, N.H. 03579 - telephone (603)482-3415.

**PHONE NUMBERS YOU MIGHT NEED
GAME WARDEN HEADQUARTERS**

Ashland 435-3231 Gray 657-2345
Sidney 547-5300 Greenville 695-3756
Bangor 941-4440

If you are unable to locate a warden at one of the above headquarters, contact either the Fisheries and Wildlife Department headquarters in Augusta (287-2766) or the nearest State Police Barracks.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, E. Orland - 469-6701

BAND RECOVERY REPORTS.....Anyone finding a band or recovering one while hunting should call **1-800-327-BAND (2263)**. Results will provide better estimates of survival and harvest rates and will reduce high costs associated with banding studies.

Help stop wildlife violations
DIAL OPERATION GAME THIEF
1-800-ALERT US (253-7887)

**YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT
--September 25--**

A one-day hunt providing opportunity for junior hunters takes place on September 25. The daily limits are as specified in this pamphlet for ducks (and 1 black duck may be taken). Special regulations will apply to youth and accompanying adult as follows: Youth must be 10 years of age or older and under 16 years of age, possess a junior hunting license (no stamps required) and be accompanied by a parent or guardian or a person at least 18 years of age approved by a parent or guardian who either holds a valid Maine hunting license or has successfully completed a hunter safety course. Legal shooting hours will be from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

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